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DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka....The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will close to all common property commercial fisheries effective 11:59 p.m., Saturday, August 19, 2017. This closure will remain in effect until further notice.

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) has requested the department close the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial salmon fisheries at the end of the troll opening on Saturday, August 19, 2017, to facilitate collection of cost recovery chum salmon. NSRAA's cost recovery goal is approximately 360,000 chum salmon. Once cost recovery harvest is complete, a News Release will be issued reopening the Deep Inlet THA to all common property commercial harvest. It is estimated the cost recovery could be complete in a week to 10 days. Upon reopening, the schedule will begin with a troll day followed by a seine day.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E1217.

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